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ROLANDO CUBELA (OR CUBELAS) SECADES

No one was the
never been called 'cock-eyed' - The term
is used because he has a drooping
left eye lid.
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Nicknamed "Cockeye" (El Búcco), CUBELA is a medical doctor who played a prominent role in the fight against BATISTA. At present CUBELA is 32 years old. When he was 22, CUBELA participated in the assassination of Lt. Col. BLANCO Rico, the Chief of the Batista Military Intelligence Service. Then and later CUBELA was one of the most influential student leaders and led the group of the Revolutionary Student Directorate which fought in the Sierra del Escambray against the Batista forces. He was politically ambitious but in the post-Batista days was outmanoeuvred by Fidel CASTRO SO THAT, as Fidel's star ascended, Cubela's declined. It would appear probable that CUBELA's interest in eliminating CASTRO stems in part from a personal grudge and in part from political ambition but not from ideological principles. He does not appear to have been a communist at any time but he defended communists and participated in communist sponsored conferences. He participated in anti-U.S. activities. For example, he was one of those who turned the closing of the newspaper Diario de la Marina into an anti-American demonstration; he mouthed anti-American slogans in press conferences held in connection with a communist dominated student conference in Uruguay; in June 1960; he denounced the American Embassy in the Cuban press in October 1960; he subscribed to anti-American resolutions at a communist-led conference in Mexico in May 1961. There have been numerous reports indicating that CUBELA has engaged in homosexual activities. He appears, at least, to have formed part of a dissolute group which included perverts of both sexes and which used drugs as well as alcohol in its frequent partying. His present capabilities and attitudes are a matter of conjecture. Certainly his influence has waned and he is seeking opportunities to reestablish it. He seems to have few scruples and will might engage in another assassination if it would advance his interests but he will might seek an accommodation with CASTRO (if he has not already done so) and betray any Americans who become involved with him.

03 [CARLOS TEPEDINO]

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[TEPEDINO] is a successful 38 year old jeweler, shrewd and self-educated. He had provided funds to groups engaged in the struggle against BATISTA and knows a number of those who played important roles in the struggle. He was and is a close friend of CUBELA.

JORGE CARLOS ROBRENO MARIEQUE, "EL MAGO"

ROBRENO is a 30 year old lawyer who participated in student revolutionary activities against BATISTA. After the collapse of BATISTA, ROBRENO participated in the trials of anti-Castroites and headed the firing squads which executed numerous people. He has been a drunkard and brawler for years, often has had difficulties with the police, has been a wife beater, and

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once shot an American in Habana as the result of a quarrel. At present he is involved with Sonia PERLA Gil, a well known Cuban show girl, by whom he has one illegitimate child. (He was successful in having her join him in Spain.) He is in close touch with Cuban embassies in both Madrid and Paris and reported to both of them concerning his meeting in Paris with ABINIP-1, an anti-Castro Cuban. ROBRENO brawled with the Spanish Police who ordered him to leave Spain and (according to a file summary) permitted him to stay because he agreed to work for them.

ALBERTO BLANCO ROMARIZ

BLANCO, commonly called "Crazy" (El Loco), now 32 years old, allegedly was given a medical discharge from the United States Air Force in October 1956 and was divorced in Miami, Florida in 1963, after a 3 year separation, from Mary Larkin of Boston, Massachusetts. He claimed to have taken part in anti-Batista activity and later to have participated in May 1959 in a Cuban invasion of Nicaragua, resulting in his capture, his imprisonment in Managua, Nicaragua for 8 months and his subsequent imprisonment in Cuba from June to September 1960 (because Fidel CASTRO had not approved participation in the invasion of Nicaragua). He went to Spain as a refugee in September 1964 at which time claimed that he was sent as a penetration agent by the Cuban Intelligence Service. A summary report in the Headquarters file indicates that an LCFLUTTER examination about September 1964 did not reveal major deception. (We are trying to locate the precise questions used.) His Cuban IS contact in Madrid is Luis Manuel CANTILLO Tolarac, assigned to the Cuban Embassy.

TENTATIVE, PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

There is no convincing evidence that the group is working either for or against the regime of Fidel CASTRO. Reports on their contacts with us and their discussions among themselves are at variance. In 1962 Fidel CASTRO, reportedly knowing that they were plotting against him, talked to CUBELA and seven members of his group to enlist their support against Anibal ESCALANTE Delhondo and the communists in Cuba. Possibly they are playing both ends against the middle. They certainly have been and are in contact with the two ends.

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